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TAGS: OVIP (DEN UYL, J.M.)

SUBJECT: DEN UYL VISIT

REF: STATE 077718

1. DCM SAW PRIMIN DEN UYL'S FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE ADVISER JOOP MERCKELBACH AT LATTER'S REQUEST APRIL 7 FOR PRELIMINARY INFORMATION RE SUBSTANTIVE PLANNING FOR DEN UYL VISIT. MERCKELBACH SAID THAT AT APRIL 4 COUNCIL OF MINISTERS' MEETING PRIMIN HAD MENTIONED HIS VISIT AND INVITED OTHER MINISTERS (VAN DER STOEL WAS ABSENT) TO INFORM HIM OF ANY SUBJECTS WHICH THEY WISHED TO HAVE DISCUSSED WITH PRESIDENT FORD AND SECRETARY KISSINGER. IN MEANWHILE, MERCKELBACH HAS GIVEN FONOFF SYG SCHIFF FOLLOWING LIST OF DISCUSSION TOPICS.

2. WITH THE PRESIDENT:

A. INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AND RAW MATERIALS QUESTIONS INCLUDING ENERGY, POLICY, DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATIVE SOURCES, NUCLEAR ENERGY, US ATTITUDE TOWARD IEA AND THE PRODUCER/CONSUMER CONFERENCE.

B. PROJECTED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF US, EUROPE AND THE WORLD IN GENERAL; US EMPLOYMENT POLICY AND ANTI-INFLATIONARY PROGRAM; OUTLOOK FOR THE BRITISH REFERENDUM AND ALTERNATIVES TO EC MEMBERSHIP IN CASE OF A NEGATIVE VOTE.

C. NATO, PORTUGAL, ITALY, SPAIN AND THE POSITION
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OF FRANCE IN NATO; PRESTIGE OF US AND EUROPE; DUTCH

VIEWS ON THE ATTITUDE OF EUROPEAN SOCIALIST PARTIES
TOWARD THE US; THE ROLE OF THE CIA AND US ROLE IN
ASIA AND SOUTH AMERICA.

3. WITH THE SECRETARY:

A. MONETARY QUESTIONS, PARTICULARLY RECYCLING OF
OIL DOLLARS.

B. MIDDLE EAST.

C. DEVELOPMENTS IN THE UN, INCLUDING THE INCREAS-
ING ROLE OF THIRD WORLD NATIONS AND 7TH SPECIAL SESSION
OF THE UNGA.

D. MBFR, CSCE AND SALT.

E. KLM PROBLEM AND SURINAM.

4. MERCKELBACH SAID DISCUSSION TOPICS WOULD BE TRANS-
MITTED OFFICIALLY TOO THE DEPARTMENT VIA THE NETHERLANDS
EMBASSY AS SOON AS FONMIN VAN DER STOEL HAD HAD A
CHANCE TO EXAMINE AND COMMENT ON THEM. IN RETURN,
MERCKELBACH SAID HE WOULD BE GLAD TO HAVE WASHINGTON'S
REACTION TO THE HAGUE'S AGENDA PROPOSALS, INCLUDING
ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL TOPICS. ON PROCEDURE,
MERCKELBACH SAID DEN UYL WOULD LIKE TO HAVE VAN DER STOEL
PRESENT DURING MEETING (AND WORKING DINNER) WITH THE
PRESIDENT. MOREOVER, MERCKELBACH DID NOT RPT NOT ANTI-
CIPATE THAT DEN UYL WOULD ASK FOR A PRIVATE MEETING
WITH THE PRESIDENT. MERCKELBACH ADDED THAT IT WOULD BE
APPRECIATED IF NETHERLANDS AMBASSADOR TAMMENOMS BAKKER
COULD ALSO PARTICIPATE (A POINT THAT SYG SCHIFF MADE
FORCEFULLY TO THE AMBASSADOR IN A RECENT CONVERSATION).

5. ON TIMING, MERCKELBACH SAID DEN UYL PLANNED TO MAKE
AN UNOFFIAL ONE-DAY VISIT TO OTTAWA (RETURNING PRIMIN
TRUDEAU'S RECENT VISIT HERE) EN ROUTE TO WASHINGTON
WHERE HE WOULD ARRIVE FROM TORONTO AT 2115 ON TUESDAY,
MAY 13. DEN UYL AND PARTY PLAN TO LEAVE FOR PARAMARIBO
VIA MIAMI AND CURACAO AT 1130 THURSDAY, MAY 15.
MERCKELBACH SAID HE WOULD ADVISE IF DEN UYL HAD ANY
SIGHTSEEING INTEREST IN WASHINGTON. MERCKELBACH CON-
FIRMED APRIL 14 AS TARGET DATE FOR PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT
OF VISIT, COMMENTING THAT DEN UYL WANTED TO WAIT UNTIL
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AFTER THE LABOR PARTY CONGRESS (APRIL 10-12) "SO THAT
WE WOULD NOT HAVE TO CARRY ANY MESSAGES TO WASHINGTON
FROM THE CONGRESS".

6. IN ADDITION TO DEN UYL AND VAN DER STOEL, PARTY WILL
CONSIST OF MERCKELBACH, CHARLES RUTTEN OR ANOTHER SENIOR
FONOFF OFFICIAL, AND POSSIBLY PRIMIN'S INFORMATION
DIRECTOR VAN DER WIEL. IT WAS NOT KNOWN YET WHETHER

MRS. DEN UYL WOULD ACCOMPANY HER HUSBAND TO WASHINGTON.

7. COMMENT: SUGGESTED DISCUSSION TOPICS OUTLINED ABOVE
HAVE NO RPT NO OFFICIAL STATUS UNTIL THEY ARE REVIEWED
AND TRANSMITTED BY THE FONOFF TO THE DEPARTMENT VIA THE
NETHERLANDS EMBASSY. WE WILL HAVE OCCASION TO DISCUSS
THEM WITH FONOFF AND ENCOURAGE FONOFF TO ACT ON THEM
PROMPTLY IN ORDER THAT SUBSTANTIVE PREPARATION OF VISIT
CAN BE INITIATED WITHOUT DELAY.
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